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TITLE : PASTE FOR ASSISTING FOOD INTAKE OF PERSON DIFFICULT IN MASTICATION  
OR DEGLUTITION

ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain the subject paste capable of being added to foods for people difficult in mastication or deglutition for the prevention of error deglutition, capable of simply expressing the thickening or coagulation of the foods, capable of controlling the thickening or coagulation, and capable of providing the slightly adhesive foods without changing the pasty touches and tastes of the foods by including a specified substance such as gellant gum or carrageenan.

SOLUTION: This paste contains at least one of substance selected from gellant gum, carrageenan, furcellaran, xanthan gum, devil's tongue mannan, Locust bean gum, Tara gum, psyllium seed gum, sodium alginate, pectin, methylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose, tamarind gum and Azotobactor vinelandii gum. Native gellant gum having a total cation concentration of  $\leq 6$  wt.%, sodium-copper type, sodium-iota type and/or sodium-lambda type carrageenans, etc., are particularly preferable amount the substances.

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